MRS. BERLAN-GIBBS

Tells of Her First Christmas on

PLAYED HERE IN "THE WIFE"

Play Houses-"Ben Hur" in the

"My first Christmas on the stage was

rayal of Kate Kennon on Priday twee autonished at the strikes sho made in her work particularly when takes into consideration the fact Mrs. Cibbs left the stage for a year, was with The Wife then, as you remember, playing the title role, sorted by Boyd Putnam, who is a and Kapids man. The company ard in the morning, weary and out of a On the one day of the year, intimas, one's thoughts, memories love turn to those at home. The rise are particularly keen when you thousands of miles away from these was on earth to you, and see nothing strange faces. This is wretched up, but when you are forced to a amusement for these strangers, your heart aching and your mind a your own family enjoying the Yule cheer, it is killing work to attempt of. May you be spared it?"

The Giobs sighed slightly, then mill—a smite as warm and cheering full of life as a ray of sunlight aming through a cathedral window a portent. There was the same to in it. "My maid visited the theathe old Powers"—returning laden the in time for the matines. The was crowded, and the audience such noily one, that we were neved to do

aindly one, that we were nerved to do form than our best. It was the same at the svening performance. The day ther Christmas, my maid arranged on table the remembrances sent me, and ten I had my Christmas, persuading treef that it was as merry a one as I I had my Christmas, persuading if that it was as merry a one as I ver passed. You know, that when season closed I retired from the followed by the assurances of Mr. man that I would soon return to it, you want to know of Christman year I was at San Domingo and a most of the day lounging under a next palm. Rather a sultry place a plum pudding, eh? I went to ch and saw Columbus bones, or a heard masses said for the repose

tage I should return to Grand Rapids.
This year I should be in St. Paul-ice and now and cold. Another change, but I derstand what I mean.

"My plans for next season? Nothing has been decided upon definitely beyon? the fact that my lot in future is cast with stage. Where will it take me, what has it in store for me, shall I fail, or will I triumph? Quien sabe?"

The Grand--Gue Hill.

Gus Hill has consolidated his two companies for this week only, the World of Novelties and New York Stars. They will shine all of this week at The Grand opera house, commencing tonight. The program will be diversified. Miss Fearl Imman, comic and descriptive vocalist and dancer, in a refined vocal personification, is a feature in herself. Miss Inman's singing of "Marguerite" is better rendered than Lottie Collins, and her dancing ranks among the best. Others in the company are Manning and Griffin, Zamore, Harris and Walters, C. W. Littlefield, McRionie and Evacs, Charles H. Bryant and true H. Saville, the philosophers of music, in their mirth provoking Gus Hill has consolidated his two phers of music, in their mirth provesing specialty "Prof. Scholtz, Teacher of Panjo," perform soles and duets on all ainds of musical oddities, including medicys and all serts of tunes. The Formum brothers in their pyramidal fours are masters of the art. There are many other attractions, the performespeluding with the satirical brochurs on society receptions, "Count no Count!

"Inlanthe" for Charity.

"Iolanthe" will be given for charity in Powers Thursday evening, January 1, the entire receipts to be given to the Organized Charity association. Excellent committees have been appointed to prepare for the presentation of the besotiful opera and they have been vig-crously at normall the week. The comorottaly at work all the week. The com-mittee having to charge the immediate distribution and sale of tickets is as fol-lower Mr. John W. Blodgett chairman; Mrs. M. J. Smiley, Mrs. I. C. Levi, Mrs. W. S. Hull, Mrs. P. H. Carroll, Misses Putnum, Voigt, Brady, Messes, W. W. Hyde, John Patton jr., Adrian Otte, Rowland Lowe, W. F. Keeney and R. W. Leismood, Than have placed the W. Griswold. They have placed the tickets in the hands of the members of the vaccets "friendly groups," prominent society people, business men and they will also be found at the charity organinstion headquarters Tower Clothing company's Crosser Brother's aboc store, Morton bouse, New Livingston, Esset's Fagin, Bridge Street house, the Clarenlingle, Bridge Street house, the Claren-sten, Fredrick's music store, Figurity's candy store, Paimer, Mesch & Co's, Eaton & Leon's, Wykes & Hifras, Geo. E. Polt's, White & White's, Scribber & Aldworth's, Thum Bros. & Schmidt's, Prek Bros., E. A. McWilliams, Rotert's candy store, Lookerby half ticket office.

Grand Rapids will this week be facured with an entertainment of remarkable character and unusual merit, in the character and unusual merit, in the brilliant spectacular pantonines production of these tiur." to be given at The Powers for tire nights and Saturday sections. Commencing on Tuesday evening. This production by Messea Claric it Cox is the only authorized stage version of the famous portal by Gen. Lew Wallace, and sherever presented has choosed atmication. In its stage presentation to dislutes in ment. etage presentation to dislogue is used, but the common story is posterously in the confine-ous orghestral music, varying with the theme and always subdued, lends an unconscious rythm to the stope and gas turns of the actors. The stage access more include postering music, rich and atrium creatures, brilliant culcium acrine include pleasing munic, circh and atribung continues brilliant calcium lights and a whole carload of superb special accessry. The special features include the drift of the "Naide," "Are pers for leater and gents' wear.

Manager Smith always on the alert for novelties, has prepared an unusually strong program for the patrons of his amusement resort for the coming holiday week, commencing Sunday night, with an extra matines on Christmas day, also the usual matiness Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. The great feature of the show is the DeCamos, world famed gymnasts; the only lady in the world doing a return act performing perilous leaps, backward and forward and twisting somersaults to hands and return finishing the act with the leap for life. Also the Alecoates, James and Violet, comedy sketch artists; Charles B. Nelson and Miss Mamie Milledge in character comedy sketch; Watson and character comedy sketch; Watson and Jenks, Dutch comedians; M. Freddie, contortionist; Iake sisters, l'auline Scott, Maggie Marsh and many others. The entire program will be presented at matinees. The curtain riser, "Uncle Si," will be followed by a grand clic, concluding with the laughable comedy, "A Hole in the Wall."

been attacked by native insurgents, and are retreating with their wounded. Under skillful generalship they manage to cross a ravine, tear up the bridge, and then turn to fire upon their foes. It is seidom that London has seen a representation of a raving the series of the seidom that London has seen a representation of the series of the sentation of army life more vivid than this. The heroine in this play aban-dons berself to a reckless life, and afterwards saves the woman who is to be the bride of the man with whom she herself is in love.

Augustus Cook has been dismissed from the Lyceum company for his parti-cipation in a recent scandal. This case, following close on those of Charles Coghian and Aubrey Boucieauit, indicates that personal notoriety is con-sidered a damage in actors belonging to respected companies. On the other hand, a set of avowedly adventurous young women, whose exploits are frequently matters of published news and whose talents are of no account, get engagements in spectacular pieces for no other apparent reason than that they are diagraceful celebrities. New York

Oscar Wilde's "Woman of No Importance" has been severely criticised and bitterly scored in New York where Rose Cogian gave its first presentation last Monday. It has such an immoral tone that the theatre has been crowded. Is Mrs. Kindal's scoring of American purity to bear such evil fruits that American nucleaces go wild over handsomely garbed vice?

The healthy growth of dramatic art is retarded just now by the idolatrous worship of two false gods, which have been set up by the wayside, and there receive reverent attention. One of these gods is naturalism, and the other is Epi-gram. The former is worshipped chiefly in Boston, while the latter has many votaries in New York. New York Sun.

"The Village Postmaster," a play by Alice El Ives and Jerome H. Eddy, is to be produced in New York next ful. The piece is in four acts, with all the scenes laid in New Hampsh re forty years ago. In one of the scence s.x burses will be used.

Maida Craigen and Frederick Paulding are having so much success in the south in Mrs. General Lander's emotional drams, "A Duel of tieurts," that arrangements are now being made to produce the play in New York at an

Henry Irving says his next production at his home theatre may be a play on the theme of King Armur, and he has been thinking of the feasibility of put-ting Den Quizote on the sing a.

Ross Coghlac declares that she will keep a company in New York during five months next season to produce a

In Berlio they recently had a Mozart Cycle, including seven operas. The price of a parquot seat for seven even-ings was only \$7.50. Massenet's opera, "Manon," yielded in Paris 1,160,000 france at 200 perform-spees, and in Vienna 140,000 morine at

Frederick Wards and Louis James are presenting "Francesca da Ramini" at the Boston museum to good business. Alexander Salvin begins an engage-

botten in Boston January 1. Mattie Vickers is laid up in Chicago by reason of an emberging treasurer a

very painful disorder. Della Fox will return to the stage in "Clairette," a version of a Freuch must

The light, rany oung, "Pro Been Gay Pares" will become a fad soon. The ticket seller and one of the ushers at Herrmann's are young somen. Thomas W. Keene cays he will retire from the stage next year.

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M'KEE IS NOW FREE

Judge Grove Has Ordered the

Later Mr. Wolcott said: "The verdict was almost equal to a Scotch verdict of not proven." It leaves the girl in fair shape, and the trial has cost McKee a good deal of money, and he may have learned a valuable lesson from it, although it has cost the county about \$500 to teach it to him."

TRAYER GOES PREE.

The jury which tried Willard Thayer for the theft of Harry Perkins' bicycle found Mr. Thayer not guilty. The verdict was a great surprise, as it appeared to be a very clear case. One of the jurors. Mr. Jackson, when asked how they found such a verdict, said: "We were consinced that he was guilty, but the people did not prove it. There was no direct evidence that he took the wheel." The names of the jurors who sat in the case are as follows: A. A. Weeks, Frank A. Emmer. John G. Jackson, L. L. Launiere, Walter Tenhauf, C. H. Phillips, L. Rebentisch, Peter. Reynders, Edgar W. Ford, Charles N. Vogle, John Miling and Andrew S. Campau.

Mr. Reeves on Top.

Judge Grove yesterday handed down a decree in the suit of Charles S. Lee against John G. Lee, late proprietor of the West Side News. The decree sustains the sliegations set forth in Reeve's bill of complaint, declares the sale of the paper and the mortgage given by Reeves null and void, : I cancels the three notes for \$185, \$200 and \$200, given by Reeves to Lee. The amount of these notes, placed in the register's hands by Reeves pending the litigation, is returned to Reeves with the exception of \$225, which is to be paid Judge Adsit to reimburse him for a note for that amount which he purchased from Lee. Lee is, however, ordered to pay Reeves Lee is, however, ordered to pay Reeves this \$225, less a set off of \$30, within sixty days, or in lieu thereof Reeves will sixty days, or in lieu thereof Reeves will have a lien on the West Side News plant. The costs of the suit are also to be paid by Lee. The litigation thus ended is the result of the sale of the West Side News to Reeves several months ago, the paper dying very soon after the change in ownership, which Reeves, in his allegation, says was brought shout by means of misrepresentations on the part of Lee.

Meno T. Schlief yesterday began ac-tion in the circuit court fordivorce from John Schlief on the ground of desertion and non-support. The couple were Married in April, 1861, and have eleven children. They have lived on a farm in Wyoming for many years until, as the wife alleges, her husband's abuse be-came unbearable and she removed to this city one year ago and has since this city one year ago and has since supported herself and four of her youngest children by taking in washing, and she further avers that her husband was always lazy and that the improvement of the place was the work of the chil-dren, and asks for temporary alimony and an injunction restraining her hus-band from seiling the farm and from do-ing her any bodily harm, which latter she greatly fears.

Kate Dubuque was yesterday granted a divorce from Joseph Dubuque on the grounds of desertion.

Made a Slight Mistake.

George Corbin was arrested yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Cowens on a charge of rape, but was at once released when it was discovered that the complaining witness is now Mrs. George Corbin and has been for several months. She swore out the complaint last July 1, but as Corbin promised to settle the matter by marrying the girl, the prosecuting at-torney agreed to that grangement. The two were duly married, but forgot to re-port that fact to the prosecuting attor-ney, so that when Mr. Cowens saw Cor-bin he at once made the arrest. Mrs. Corbin appeared in court with her marriage license and Judge Haggerty released the respondent.

Margaret Cook Discharged.

Mrs. Margaret. Cook of Big Rapids, who was convicted of acting as a pro-curess last winter, but who took her case to the supreme court, was discharged yesterday on motion of the prosecuting attorney. The case was sent back to the lower court on the ground that the girls whom she solicited were already inmutes of a house of ill-fame, and hence there was no crime committed within the meaning of the law. Mrs. Cook has suffered nearly one your a imprisonment.

Will Receive Their Goods. An order was made in the Nelson A

Matter case in the United States court yesterday instructing the receiver to deliver to Turner & Carroll a quantity of furniture purchased by them before the failure, but which had not been de-livered to them and which fell into the hands of the receiver.

Judge Grove yesterday granted a decree of foreclosure in the case of Jennie M. Joy against James M. Edwards, Elizabeth P. Edwards, Sanford H. Cobb and Mary Cebb. The sum invoived is \$1.3% in, and the property to be sold is a piece of land 50x140 feet, facing on Lyon street. Lyon street.

The will of Elizabeth D. Johnson of Wainer township, flied for probate yea terday, bequeaths aif her personal property to her sisters. Fanny Church and Jane White. Her brother, David G. Hattle H. Amberg to Sarah Hann,

Judge Grove in the case of Sietzs Bros vs the Michigan Trust company as administrator of the estate of Charles Spencer, yesterday granted the complainant a decree of foreclosure and sale. The amount involved is \$210.

Judge Grove has granted a decree of foreclosure and order for sale in the suit of C. C. Rood against Ellen Eberhart and others. The property effected is let 2 of Davis, Turner & Carroll's addition.

John Frey was tried by a jury in the superior court yesterday for inseping his saloon open after hours. He was acquitted.

The will of Carrie E. Burch, formerly a teacher in the public schools here, was resterday admitted to probate. The estate consists of \$3,000 personal property. Cornelius Solie has petitioned the probate court to have his mother-in-law sent to Kalamazoo at the expense of tent county.

The heirs of Lyman Bennett of Court-land are determined to be the widow, Mrs. Alice Shotwell and Emma Bennett.

Jedor Seveness Coldblast Peather Company vs. Nelson & Matter et al., order requiring receiver to turn over to Turner & Carroll certain personal claimed

Juncia Grove—The people vs. James J. McKee, information for rape; order to nolle prosse; respondent discharged

JUDGE ADSIT—John H. Heskens vs. the Grand Rapids Gas company, assumpist; trial resumed. Nelson W. Northrup vs. George A. Magoou, George L. Erwin, William B. McLaughlin, Wesley A. Hunsberger and Wilbur I. Coggshall, assumpist; judgment for plaintiff for \$516.58 and costs by default.

JUDGE BURLINGAME—The People va. Willard Thayer, larceny; not guilty. The People vs. John Frey, Reeping saloon open after hours; verdict not guilty, jury excused till January 2. The People vs. Margaret Cook, soliciting females to enter house of ill fame; nolle

Probate Court.

Judge Perkins - Estate Lyman Ben-

nett, deceased; order determining heirs. Estate Betsey Culver, deceased; Janu-Estate Betsey Culver, deceased; January 22 assigned for proving will. Estate Christian Layer, deceased; January 22 assigned for hearing pet tion for assignment of dower. In the matter of George W. Granger, adjudged insane; December 22 assigned for hearing petition for admission to asylum. Estate Carrie E. Burch, deceased; order admitting will in probate. Estate Elizabeth D. Johnson, deceased; January 22 assigned for proving will. In the matter of Daniel proving will. In the matter of Daniel Parringer, alleged insane; hearing on potition for admission to asylum con-tinued, Estate John L. Miller, deceased; tinued, Estate John L. Miller, deceased; letters of administration issued to Charles W. Miller; appraiser's warrant issued to William H. Stevenson and Charles C. Anderson; January 23 assigned for hearing claims. Estate Mary Miller et al., minors; order appointing guardian. Estate John M. Walcers, deceased. ceased; administrator's annual account filed. In the matter of Wilhelmina filed. In the matter of Wilhelmina Carmyer, indigent insane; December 26 assigned for hearing petition for admission to asylum. Estate Susan M. Brown, deceased; order allowing executor's final account. Estate George S. Quimby, deceased; January 14 assigned for hearing special administrator's final account. In the matter of Ophelia Sherman, insane; hearing on petition for admission in asylum continued until December 20.

Police Court. JUDGE HAGGERTY-George Corbin,

rape; nolle prossed.

Marriage Licenses. The following is a list of the marriage horness issued since last publication, with the names residences (when out of the city) and ages of the purious.

Alvin C. Heth and Lillian L. Groun, Grand Rapids. 33-30 Amerose C. Hundmons, Grand Rapids, and Luos P. Parkhurst, Middle Roy H. Randell, city, and Neilie M.

Real Estate Transfers.

Thomas Dillou to Thomas Gray and Robert Hosberline, lot & P.ckent's

Hoterst Houterline, lot \$, P.ckert's add.

Motherspa Bundy to Licenzo D. Daniela part of lots \$0, 41 and \$2, Jud M ner u add.

James L. Purcham and wife to descept H. Martin, lot 14, bik I. Houseman's add.

Lyman H. Austin and wife to Lozina I. Cotton, lot 16 and a 15 feet lot 19 hit 73, Converse replated.

Mary Walther to Jeffersen Houghton, lot 11, Christ's eah.

Leonard Westmass and wife to Wiftiano Stoolmaker, part hot 10, bik 4, L. H. Mason & Co. 8 and.

Rodney C. Tessions to Schuyler C. Egglisston, w 24 feet lot 8 and a 12 feet lot 9, bik 2, W. D. Stevens add.

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HARTNACKE—At her residence in Alpine,
Thereen Hartnacke, wife of John Hartnacke, aged 53 years. Funeral from the
residence Tuesday.
McCallum & Cherryman, funeral directors,
corner Fountain and Ionia streets.

Burial Permits.

Sophia Schauffer, Denver, Col., Greenwood; child of John Marble, No. 250 South Waterloo street, Valley City; Neetje Timmerman, No. 20 Gelvek alley, Fulton street; Edward R. Wilson, No. 358 Fulton street, Valley City; Franky Freeman, No. 71 Island street, St. Andrews. St. Andrews.

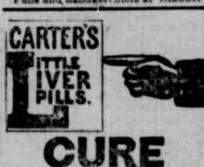
Contagious Diseases. Miss Knapp, No. 78 Clancy street, measler; Claud Van Vleck. No. 122 Ellsworth avenue, typhoid fever; Iona Phil-lips, No. 163 North Division street, measles.

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